

Michigan Prevention Association. I take great pride in recognizing community-oriented constituents like Ms. Wilson, and I applaud the Saginaw County Commission on Aging for ensuring that her efforts are not overlooked. On behalf of the United States Senate, I extend gratitude to Ms. Wilson for her dedication and work for her community.●

THE SAGINAW COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING HONORS MS. MARY FLANNERY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on March 31, 2000, the Saginaw County Commission on Aging will hold a luncheon honoring four women who have selflessly dedicated a significant amount of their time and their energy to improving the community of Saginaw, Michigan. Their tremendous efforts over the years have not only touched a great many lives, they have truly changed lives, whether by providing those in need with food and clothing, saving seniors hundreds of dollars in medical insurance payments, mentoring elementary school students, or helping people to understand and accept a culture different from their own. Thus, I rise today on behalf not only of myself, but also of the entire Saginaw County, Michigan, community, to sincerely thank Ms. Hazel Wilson, Ms. Mary Flannery, Ms. Sue Kaltenbach, and Ms. Yoko Mossner for their incredible efforts.

Ms. Mary Flannery has been a resident of Saginaw, Michigan, long enough to remember that an ice cream cone once cost a mere three cents there. For many years, she was an employee of the Family Independence Agency. Fortunately for the citizens of Saginaw, no one has reminded Ms. Flannery that she has in fact retired from her position there. She remains a regular fixture at local hospitals and nursing homes, and also continues to volunteer her time at the Commission on Aging.

At the Commission on Aging, she shares the knowledge and skills she collected while working at the Family Independence Agency, assisting seniors who have questions related to Medicare, Medicaid, and general health insurance. I am told that Ms. Flannery's expertise, and her willingness to venture beyond the call of duty, have saved Saginaw's seniors thousands of dollars they may have spent on duplicated medical bills or services. I guess when one has lived their life aiding individuals in need, even retirement cannot prevent them from continuing to do so.

Mr. President, on behalf of the entire United States Senate, I take pride in extending gratitude to Ms. Mary Flannery for her dedication to making the lives of others better. She is truly a role model for us all.●

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Ms. Sue Kaltenbach has been a resident of Saginaw County for thirty-seven years. During this time, she has served the Saginaw Township Community School Board in many ways: as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. She was also once president of the Saginaw County School Board Association, a vice president of the Assistance League of Saginaw, president of the Saginaw County Lawyer's Auxiliary. In addition, Ms. Kaltenbach served the Junior League of Saginaw Valley as a corresponding secretary and the Street Smarts Investment Club as recorder.

Ms. Kaltenbach has been a mentor at Coulter Elementary School since 1996, as part of the H.O.S.T.S. program. She participates on the Election Scheduling Committee for Saginaw County, and is involved with numerous educational programs dealing with art, literature, drug abuse prevention and law related education. She is also chairperson of Family in Action, a former member of the Christian Service Commission and the Paris Council and a member at St. Stephen's Church.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Ms. Kaltenbach is that she has managed to do all of this while placing her primary focus upon raising her own three children. Mr. President, on behalf of the entire United States Senate, I applaud Ms. Sue Kaltenbach for her outstanding contributions to her community.●

THE SAGINAW COMMISSION ON AGING HONORS MS. YOKO MOSSNER

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During the forty-three years that she has lived in Saginaw County, Ms. Yoko Mossner has become involved with numerous organizations. She served as president and treasurer of People to People Chapter Seven, was a member of the Board of Trustees of People to People International, and has also held various leadership roles in the Saginaw's Culture Club, the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, the Saginaw County Lawyers' Auxiliary, and the Valparaiso University Guild. She is a former member of the Saginaw Zonta Club, and is currently a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

More importantly, Ms. Mossner has played a leading role in finding Japanese culture a place in Saginaw County. For the last six years, she has served as volunteer director for the Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House, a project that was made possible by her efforts as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saginaw County Building Fund Committee. She also serves as Special Envoy and Liaison Officer from Saginaw to its Sister City, Tokushima, Japan. Undoubtedly, her efforts in this regard have played a significant role in expanding the cultural awareness of an entire community.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Ms. Mossner is that she has managed to do all of this while placing her primary focus upon raising her own three children. Mr. President, on behalf of the entire United States Senate, I applaud Ms. Mossner for her dedication to expanding the cultural knowledge in Michigan. I am sure that the effects of her work are immeasurable.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting withdrawals and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)